



TORRANCE Heroes

AREZ, LOUIS.
OKS, KENNETH
CE, CLAUDE
AWAY, ARCHIE B.
VEZ, DARIO
UR, JEROME P.
URN, GEORGE H.
W FORD, DOUGLAS
NINGHAM, DAN E.
IEL, JAMES K.
LIN, FRANCIS
ES, THOMAS
JOHN JUNIOR
RES, NESTOR Q.
EY, JOHN JR.
ER, JOHN W. JR.
ILTON, CHELSEA B.
MELL, JACK CHAS.
NISON, SESSE LEE
ES, FRANK F.
ES, HERMAN W.
OPS, LOUIS T.
KEL, RUBEN E.
ODY, GARLAN C.
TON, JAMES
LE, ROBERT T.
N, LT. WILLIAM
INE, LT. VLADIMIR J.
EN, RICHARD
ER, ARTHUR T.
NINGTON, R.
KETT, MILO
E, THERON E.
WEN, JAMES F.
GGIN, FRED
SEY, LT. FLOYD
HART, EVERETT V.
IBLER, CLARENCE
NER, LT. EUGENE
ATSU, AKIRA R.
H, ADDISON
H, DOGAR
BLOK, ROBT. M.
CKER, EUGENE F.
DUVE, TED
ELL, ROYCE W.
SON EARL W.
Y, WALTER C.
OX, IVAN H.
KS, CHARLES W.



★ NESTOR FLORES,

Cpl., U. S. A.
Nestor Flores, husband of Guadalupe Garcia Flores and son of Mrs. Victoria Q. Flores, was killed in action the week of April 25, 1945, in the European theatre of war. Surviving him, in addition to his widow and his mother, are his brother Joseph and his sisters, Mrs. Mary Louise Jimenez and Miss Gloria Flores, all of the home address.



★ ROYCE TIDWELL,

Private, U. S. A.
Royce Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tidwell of 1600 214th st., died as a result of an automobile accident near Fort Knox, Ky., while on duty in a military police unit. He was born in Texas and came to California in 1923. He graduated from San Pedro High School with the winter class of 1934. He later toured the States and Canada, performing in an aerial act for which he was quite well known. He met and secretly married Miss Sandra Byrd, an actress from Canada, on June 14, 1940.



★ TED T. TANOUYE,

T/Sgt., U. S. A.
Ted T. Tanouye of the 42nd Regimental Combat Team was killed in action in Italy, September 6, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nikuma Tanouye, are at the Rohrer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark. Ted graduated from Torrance High School in 1938 and entered the Army in 1942 at Fort MacArthur. He was a sales clerk in Torrance before entering the service.

★ THOMAS DILKES,

Motor Machinist's Mate, 2/c, U. S. N.
Thomas Dilkes, husband of Mrs. Ann Ford Dilkes of 20710 Doble ave., was killed in action in the South Pacific in November, 1944, according to a telegram received from the Navy Department.

★ JAMES F. PROWTEN,

A. A. F.
James F. Prowten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prowten, 2519 Torrance Blvd., died March 27, 1943, in a plane crash at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ariz. He had served from March 12, 1943 to March 27, 1944.



★ JOHN FESS JR.

Fireman 1/c, U. S. N.
John Fess, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arlington ave., was killed in action December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. He was the first serviceman from Torrance to be killed in the World War II. His brother, Lieut. Kenneth B. Fess, A. A. F., also survives him. He was born in Torrance and was graduated in the winter class of '38.



★ ARTHUR THOMAS PARKER,

Private, U. S. M. C.
Arthur T. Parker, son of Mrs. L. E. Trucks, formerly of 3817 174th st., was killed in action in the South Pacific, February 5, 1943, after serving one year in the U. S. Marine Corps. He was born in Bovina, Texas, and had attended a Texas military school.



★ FRANCIS W. DIETLIN,

Torpedoman's Mate 3/c, U. S. N.
Francis W. Dietlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dietlin of 2302 Arlington ave., was killed in action and buried at sea. Francis attended Torrance High School and worked as a pressman for the Automatic Printing Co. before going into the Navy. Others surviving him are two brothers and a sister. He had served one year and nine months in the Navy.

★ CLAUDE BRUCE,

Staff Sergeant, A. A. F.
A brother of Mrs. Marie Friedly, of 1912 Arlington ave., was killed in a glider crash at Dahlhart, Texas, on January 25, 1943. A resident of this city for two years prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Forces, in June, 1942, he is survived by seven brothers and sisters.

★ AKIRA ROY SHIMATSU,

S/Sgt., U. S. A.
Staff Sgt. Akira Roy Shimatsu, Torrance High School graduate, was killed in action in Italy on July 16, 1944.



★ FLOYD F. RAMSEY,

Lieut., A. A. F.
Floyd Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ramsey of 2262 231st st., was killed in a plane crash in Germany, November 13, 1943. He had served from June 9, 1943 to November 13, 1943. Also surviving him is his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Ramsey. He was a popular Narbonne football star.



★ CHELSEA B. HAMILTON,

S/Sgt., U. S. A.
S/Sgt. Chelsea B. Hamilton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Hamilton, 26821 Cayuga st., Lomita, was killed in action Nov. 24 on Leyte. Young Hamilton had lived in Lomita and Walteria for 19 years, was a graduate of the '39 class of Narbonne high school, and worked for Rubbercraft Corp., Torrance. He was awarded the Silver Star on Sept. 1 for "gallantry in action."



★ HERMAN W. JONES,

Pfc., U. S. M. C.
Herman Jones, son of Mrs. Arthur Barnett of 815 Cota ave., died March 2, 1945, on Iwo Jima of wounds received in action. He was born in Lomita and lived there until 1933 when he moved to Torrance. He graduated from Torrance High, June 1943. He was employed at Shell Refinery in Wilmington at the time of enlistment, but was formerly employed at Torrance Safeway Store. He had served one year in the U. S. M. C.

★ ARCHIE B. CARAWAY,

First Lieut., A. A. F.
Archie B. Caraway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caraway of 1345 W. Carston st., was killed May 3, 1945, when two B-24 Liberator bombers collided in the air near Liberal, Kans. It was said in the press dispatches that one other officer and one enlisted man died in the crash.



★ EUGENE SHANER,

Lieut., A. A. F.
Eugene Shaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaner of 1622 Crenshaw Blvd., was reported missing August 17, 1944, and his death was confirmed December 13, 1944. He was a graduate of Torrance High School and lived in Torrance 11 years prior to entering the Air Forces in which he served one year and eight months. He also leaves two brothers, Edward, an Army X-Ray technician, and Bill, a senior in Torrance High.



★ GARLAN C. MOODY,

Seaman, 1/c, U. S. N.
Garlan C. Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Moody of Torrance, was killed in action in the South Pacific area on April 12, 1945, after serving two years and nine months in the Navy.



★ JOHN FOLEY, JR.

John Foley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Foley of 3401 Spencer ave., was killed in action July 4, 1944, in the invasion of Europe. He had served in the Army for more than two years. His wife, Louise Foley of El Segundo, also survives him.

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★ EARL W. WATSON,

Flight Officer, A. A. F.
Earl W. Watson, son of Mrs. Martha W. Evans, 1314 El Prado, was killed in a plane crash August 14, 1941, near London, England. A native of Santa Monica, he graduated from high school there. He was attached to the British Ferry Command. In addition to his mother, Flight Officer Watson is survived by his wife and one son, who live at Coronado.



★ LOUIE F. ALVAREZ,

Pfc., U. S. A.
Louie F. Alvarez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andres Alvarez, 2234 W. 203rd st. in the Pueblo, was killed in action on Luzon, recently. Louie left Torrance High School to enter the Army March 14, 1943, and trained at Fort Knox with an armored unit.



★ ADDISON SMITH,

Chief Quartermaster, U. S. N.
Addison Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, of 2215 Andreo ave., was killed in action in the Pacific Area May 9, 1945. Surviving him besides his parents are his wife, Louise Smith, 24331 Lucille st., Lomita, and his small son, born in 1944. He was a graduate of Torrance High School with the class of Summer '38 and had been in the Army since April of 1940.



★ FRED QUAGGIN,

Chief Engineer, U. S. M. S.
Fred Quaggin's death was confirmed after he had been declared missing in action on July 7, 1943. He died when the ship on which he was serving was torpedoed. Surviving him are his wife, Emma, and his three children. He was awarded the Mariner's Medal posthumously.



★ RICHARD LOWELL O'BRIEN,

Pfc., U. S. A.
Pfc. Richard Lowell O'Brien, 20, son of Mrs. W. E. O'Brien, San Pedro, formerly of 1301 Crenshaw Blvd., was killed in action on Luzon, on April 25, 1945. Inducted in March, '43, the serviceman had been overseas since September, '44.



★ VLADIMIR J. OBDIDNE,

Lieut., U. S. A.
Vladimir J. Obidine, husband of the former Joan Ramskill, of this city, to whom he was married January 1, 1944, was killed in action in France on August 25, the same year following one year's service. A son of Mr. and Mrs. William Obidine of Eagle Rock, he had attended U. C. L. A., where he was an outstanding football player.

★ FRANK J. JONES,

S/Sgt., U. S. A.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, was killed in action on Leyte, on October 1, 1944. He had flown in bombers over Northern Africa, Sicily, Southern Europe and Germany. His wife, Mrs. Marian Jones, also survives him. He had served 14 months in the U. S. Army.